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For: LOCK MECHANISM FOR OPENING AND  
CLOSING MEMBER AND IMAGE FORMING  
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**RESPONSE TO NON-FINAL OFFICE ACTION**

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**INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS**

The following amendments and remarks are submitted in response to the Official Action dated November 30, 2007.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 6 of this paper.